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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

On page 1, deleted paragraph 2 (located on lines 8-12).

On page 1, between lines ³ and ⁴, inserted the following paragraph:

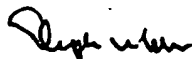
-- REFERENCE TO A RELATED PATENT APPLICATION

The present application is a divisional of U.S. patent application 09/130,722 of the same name filed on August 6, 1998, to the same inventor; which application issued on March 19, 2002 as U.S. patent number 6,357,332. --

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-6877 and whose e-mail address is (Stephen.Johnson@uspto.gov). The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571-272-6873. The Central FAX phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 800-786-9199.



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